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1. This branch is currently engaged in research in the field of ship costing. Information in this field is not readily available. The research in this subject by other government agencies is narrower in scope than that of I/SH. Therefore, in order to improve the quality of the branch's output it is necessary to exploit all sources of information that can be found.

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information in the article is directly pertinent to a research project currently underway in I/SH and is in a field in which the branch can expect to do continuing work.

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is a prominent one. Contacts by I/SH with such an organization could conceivably be of very great value to this branch in its research program. Therefore, the branch suggests an initial contact with [REDACTED] through [REDACTED]

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3. The relevant questions would be somewhat as follows:

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[REDACTED] be willing to permit I/SH representatives to examine all his working papers and to discuss methodology?

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(2) [REDACTED] or his colleagues engaged in, or contemplating, other studies in the field of ship costing? If so, would they be willing to discuss these studies with I/SH representatives?

4. If the contact proves fruitful, it would be a valuable source of information to the intelligence community and a great aid to this branch in performance of its mission.

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5. Only [REDACTED] work will be discussed; not CIA's, therefore, material to be discussed will be Unclassified.

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